



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

MARCH 2026

SERVICES & EVENTS



MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG

MARCH 2026 LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9pm

Friday: 9am- 1pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

SOUTH & WEST BRANCH LIBRARIES

Monday & Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

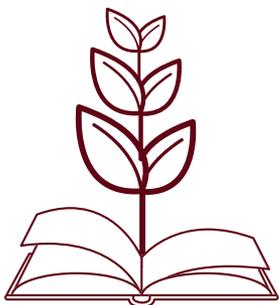
Tuesday: 9am - 9pm

Thursday: 1pm - 9pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Sunday: Closed

THE PIL IS FINE-FREE!



Peabody Institute Library is a **Fine- Free Library!** We have officially eliminated all overdue fines on Peabody-owned items- for everyone, forever!



the peapod

peabody's community
seed exchange

Sprouts in March,
until supplies run out!

A free community resource
for veggie, herb, & flower
seeds for your garden, at all
three Peabody Library
locations.

Brought to you by:



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

CELEBRATE AMERICA 250 WITH THE PEABODY LIBRARY

Join us for these events celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Wednesdays in March, 11 AM:

Revolutionary Writers with Theo Theoharis

Monday, May 11, 6:30 PM:

Declaration of Independence Calligraphy Workshop - learn the calligraphy style used in America's founding documents

Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 PM:

"Hamilton" musical family screening, sing along, cosplay, popcorn and pizza. For All Ages.

Coming soon, date TBD:

Old South Burying Ground (in Peabody) cemetery tour with the Historical Society

Coming in July:

Film series featuring cult classic musical 1776 and documentaries about the Revolution.

Learn more and register at peabodylibrary.org/calendar

Adult Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga
for adults with
instructor Kirsty Yetter.



Mondays at 11:30
2nd floor Tech Lab

Guided Meditation

Join Jesselynn Barber
for a monthly chance
to slow down, get
grounded, and relax at
the library.



Tuesday, March 17
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

ONLINE DEATH CAFÉ



At a Death Café people, often
strangers, gather to eat cake, drink
tea and discuss death.

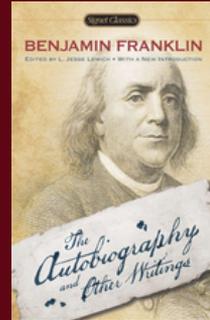
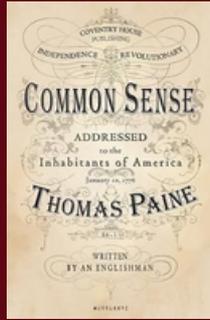
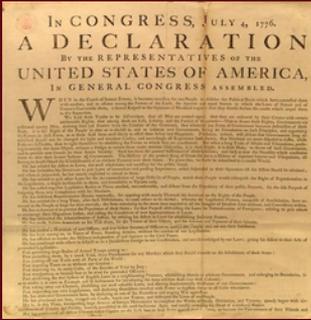
While not a support group nor a
venue for bereavement, a Death
Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted,
non-judgmental platform for those
wishing to explore the many facets
of this often taboo subject.

Tuesday, March 10, 12 PM
on Zoom - please register

REVOLUTIONARY WRITERS

with Professor Theo Theoharis

Celebrate America 250 with PIL and Professor Theoharis, as we read landmark works from the Revolutionary period. The class will discuss the literary merit as well as historical importance of these works.



Wednesdays in March at 11 AM, starting on March 4

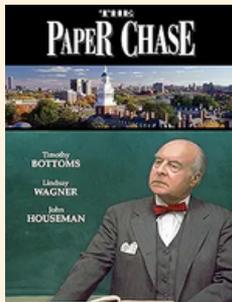
In-person in the Sutton Room. Register at peabodylibrary.org/calendar

Presented by the Peabody Institute Library Foundation and the McCarthy Family Foundation



THE PAPER CHASE (1973)

First-year students at Harvard Law School struggle under a tyrannical professor. Even life outside the class is no escape from his influence. Who can pass the course and not fold?



Sunday, March 15th
2:00 to 4:00 pm
 in the Tech Lab,
 Main Library

All films are free!
Registration is required.

LEARN TO USE ANCESTRY.COM



Explore your family history with one-on-one help from a librarian

Tuesdays, February - May
2:00 - 3:00 pm
 Main Library

By appointment only:
peabodylibrary.org/calendar/

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS



Monday
March 9, 7 PM

New players and experienced adventurers wanted! Register for this monthly online game. Zoom link will be sent to your email when you register.

Mosaic Trinket Dish Workshop



A guided craft using air-dry clay and mosaic elements

Wednesday, March 25
6 PM, Creativity Lab



Peabody Institute Library
Spring Concert Series

EMIL ALTSCHULER

Boston-based violinist performs solo works by Bach, Paganini, Ysaÿe, Piazzolla, Gardel, Williams, and more.

Monday, March 2

7 PM, Sutton Room
Peabody Main Library



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FOUNDATION & THE MCCARTHY FAMILY FOUNDATION

PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Nancy Fiske

Monday, March 16
7 PM, Sutton Room

Peabody Institute Library
82 Main Street, Peabody

Music is Melody is Music

An exploration of melody through time and place on 10+ different wind instruments.

This fascinating program spans music from Medieval times to today, from Spain, Ireland, England and the US.



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DROP IN TECH HELP



Basic Computer Skills
Laptops and Computers
Tablets / E-Readers
Smart Phones
Library Databases and Apps

Main Reading Room
Wednesdays: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Bring your own equipment and account/login information!
Library laptops are available if you do not have / cannot bring your own equipment.

The Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge for March 2026

MARCH

A book featuring
an unlikely
friendship

- **Choose a book featuring an unlikely friendship**

- Book lists are at all 3 library locations;
- After reading, fill out a short form: massbook.org/readingchallenge;
- You'll be eligible for monthly drawings by the MCB for free books!

LIBRARY
OF CONGRESS

**CENTER
FOR THE
BOOK**

MASSACHUSETTS
AFFILIATE



Volunteer Opportunities

T.A.C.O.

Teen Advisory and Community Organization

Earn community service hours by participating in TACO! Help out at the library by performing chores, crafts and /or tasks with us, to better your community. Registration is **REQUIRED** for each meeting.

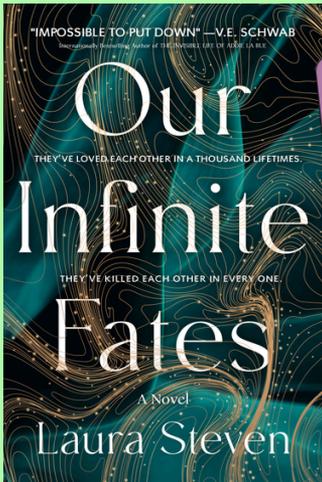
Tuesdays at the Main Library, 4-5PM



Thursdays at the West Branch Library, 4-5PM

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, March 25th, 4-5PM, Teen Room



Join us to discuss our January book, "Our Infinite Fates" by Laura Steven. Participants receive one hour of Community Service. Registration is required.

Graphic Novel



Teen Book Club

Saturday, March 28th, 2-3PM Teen Room



Join us once a month to discuss a Graphic Novel pick! For our February meeting, we'll be discussing "Paper Girls" by Brian K. Vaughn. Participants receive one hour of community service.

Teen Study Group

Thursday, Feb. 12th, 3:30-5PM,
Teen Room

Need help with homework? Want some space to get organized? Meet with our Senior Teen Librarian, Amory, and get some help! Amory has experience working in Middle and High schools, and is able to help you through any subject, such as Algebra, English, and French.

For Teens Grades 6-12.

Registration is preferred.



Saturday Morning Cartoons

Saturday, March 14th 10am-12pm
2nd Floor Tech Lab

Come to the second floor Tech Lab for Saturday Morning Cartoons! Snacks Provided.
for Teens grades 6-12.

Teen Movie Night

Thurs. March 19th,
5:30PM-7:30PM
2nd Floor Tech Lab

THE BLON HOUSE
FIVE NIGHTS
AT
FREDDY'S
2



CRAFT

AND

YAP



SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

1PM-3PM, TEEN ROOM, GRADES 6-12

Pick up a new craft (such as sewing, crochet, 3D Printing, button making, painting, etc.) or bring a craft with you! Chat with other crafty teens, and our crafty (and very chatty) Teen Librarian!



MAGIC

The Gathering®

Card Game Play

Monday, March 23rd,
5:30-7:30PM
Teen Room

Want to learn how to play Magic the Gathering? Already play, and are looking for a group to join? Come to the Teen Room and join us for a round of this exciting tabletop card game. Registration is required. Snacks will be provided. For Teen Grades 6-12.



AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

3:30-5:30PM, CREATIVITY LAB

OPEN STUDIO

MONDAYS

MARCH 2ND AND MARCH 9TH

WICKED WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 4TH AND MARCH 11TH

Inkwell is a free youth arts program exploring a variety of 2D and 3D media. No experience Necessary! All materials provided! All classes will be taught by local artist Bruce Orr, an Art Teacher, Art Therapist, muralist, illustrator, puppeteer, builder from recycled materials and all around arts advocate.



FREE SAT/ACT Testing



SAT Practice Test

Saturday, 3/28 @ 10 AM

This low-stakes, digital, adaptive practice test provides students with the opportunity to experience a realistic testing environment.

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, 4/4 @ 10 AM

This full-length ACT practice test gives students the chance to simulate test day conditions in a supportive, low-pressure setting.

All students will receive a **detailed score report** to better understand their performance, identify areas for growth, and determine whether the SAT or ACT is the stronger fit for their goals. If your student receives extended time accommodations, please contact info@opendoor.education and we will provide appropriate testing options.

The SAT, The ACT, and YOU:

Everything You Need to Know About College Admissions Testing

4/15 @ 7 PM (Online via Zoom) This class will identify and unpack the major issues relating to testing so that you can develop a smart, effective, and informed plan for your student.

PIL BOOK GROUPS

Find the right one for you in the list below. Books are available at the meeting location or at the Main Library Public Service Desk.

Fiction Book Group

1st Thursday of every month, 2PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting March 5

“Good Dirt”

by Charmaine Wilkerson

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting March 26

Age of Revolutions: Progress and Backlash from 1600 to the Present” by Fareed Zakaria

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

Second Wednesday of every month,

10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting March 11:

“Story of Arthur Truelove”

The Readers

Third Wednesday of the month, 1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting March 18th

“The Old Man and the Sea” by Ernest

Hemingway

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting March 10th

“Down the River Unto the Sea” by

Walter Mosley

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4PM

Participants receive community service.

For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting March 25th

“Our Infinite Fates” by Laura Steven

for Teens Grades 6-12.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Last Saturday of the month.

Participants receive community

service. For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting March 28th, 2-3PM

“Paper Girls” by Brian K. Vaughn

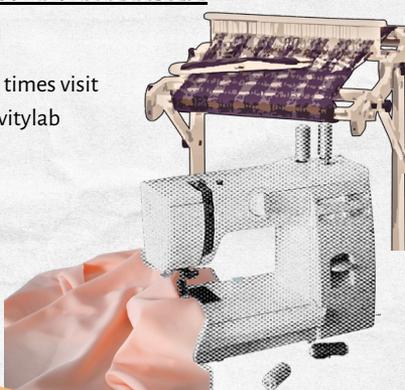
for Teens Grades 6-12.



CREATIVITY LAB OPEN LABS

Want to use our tools for 3D printing, sewing, laser cutting, woodworking, coding, vinyl cutting, graphic design, electronics, and more? We can show you how!

ONE ON ONE SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE



To register and browse session times visit
peabodylibrary.org/creativitylab

New!

LAB-BOX ars-imago



DEVELOP YOUR OWN FILM

No dark room or experience
needed. The lab-box does
everything for you!

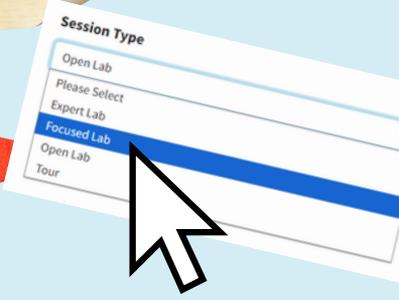
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color/bw



FOCUSED LAB



MAKE A CUSTOM FELT PENNANT FLAG



Session Type

Open Lab

Please Select

Expert Lab

Focused Lab

Open Lab

Tour

Don't know what you want to make in the Creativity Lab? Learn design software, vinyl cutting, and sewing by making your own pennant. Lessons are 1 on 1 with times throughout the month. Sign up for a Focused Lab and choose a time that works for you!

All Ages, Registration Required



After School Art Classes

ALL CLASSES WILL BE TAUGHT BY LOCAL ARTIST EDUCATOR BRUCE ORR. BRUCE IS AN ART TEACHER, ART THERAPIST, MURALIST, ILLUSTRATOR, PUPPETEER, BUILDER FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS AND ALL AROUND ARTS ADVOCATE.

EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
3:30 PM TO 5:30PM
CREATIVITY LAB



Studio Art Mondays

Train in the art of art! Learn about color, texture, perspective, and scale. Hone your painting, sketching, and sculpting skills with other young artists.

Wicked Wednesday Workshop

Every Wednesday Bruce will introduce a different weird workshop! From sewing projects to t-shirt design and stamp making, It's all the messy fun parts of making art.

MOVIE NIGHT



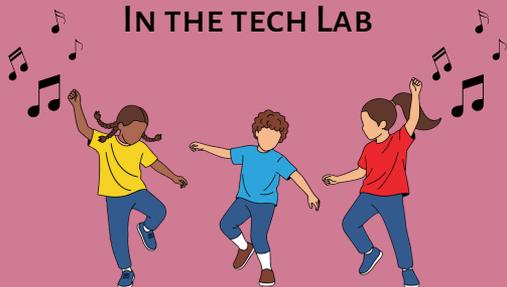
WED., MARCH 4
6PM - 8PM

IN THE TECH LAB

Children of all ages can come to the library to celebrate the 10th anniversary of a popular animated movie! See if a rabbit police officer and a sly fox can team up to solve a series of mysteries in a city of animals. Snacks and water will be provided. Registration is required.

CFCE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

MON., MARCH 9 AND 23
10AM - 11AM
IN THE TECH LAB



Join the CFCE for Music and Movement at 10:00am in the Tech Lab! Hear and sing songs and dance to the beat! Registration is required.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT



Homeschooling and wanting to connect with other homeschool families in the area? Come to our homeschool hangout! Open to children 12 and under and their caregivers. No registration required.

MON., MARCH 9
1PM - 2PM
IN THE TECH LAB

MAKE-YOUR-OWN HAND PUPPET

Children aged 7 and up are welcome to join Miss Katia in making their very own hand puppet! Create your new puppet with pompoms, googly eyes, and more. Registration is required.



MON., MARCH 16
3:30PM - 4:30PM
IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

FORGED TINY TITANS



Children aged 2-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for this exciting class with Forged Tiny Titans! Supporting developmental milestones through the martial arts.

Registration is required.

THUR., MARCH 19

11AM - 12PM

IN THE TECH LAB

SPRING STORYTIME & BIRDHOUSE PAINTING



SAT., MARCH 21

3PM - 4PM

IN THE TECH LAB

Spring has sprung! Children aged 4 and up are invited to join Miss Meeghan in celebrating this new season with a themed storytime and craft where you'll get ready for all of the returning birds by painting and decorating your own birdhouse! Registration is required.

MONTHLY EVENTS

at the Main Library

BABY GROUP

Saturday, March 7 and 21
Drop In from 11AM - 12PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



FAMILY LEGO FUN

Saturday, March 14 and 28
@ 10AM - 11AM
in the Children's Library



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Monday, March 2, 16, and 30
@ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



YOGA

Every Tuesday @ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Wednesday, March 25
@ 5:30PM - 6PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



BABY STORYTIME

Thursday, March 5, 12, and 26
@ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



TODDLER STORYTIME

Thursday, March 5, 12, and 26
@ 11AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



DROP IN CRAFTS

Every Thursday
@ 5:30PM - 7PM
In the Children's Library





ECOLOGICAL GARDENING BASICS

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
6:30 - 8PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

PRESENTED BY PLANT MAGIC GARDENS LLC



FAMILY MYSTERY BINGO!



AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Play to win cool prizes! Choose between a book to keep or a grab bag of MYSTERY prizes!

For kids ages 5 - 12 and their caregivers. Registration required.



MONDAY
MARCH 2
MARCH 23

3:30 - 4:30PM

Scrapbooking Spree!



AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Saturday, March 28
10am - 12 noon



FOR ADULTS AND TEENS 13+

Hang out and help yourself to a variety of scrapbooking supplies! Bring your own photos and other keepsakes.



ART CLUB FOR KIDS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

3:30 - 4:30 PM

(last Tuesday of every month)

FOR KIDS AGES 8 TO 12

Registration required

All materials provided



TODDLER STORYTIME!

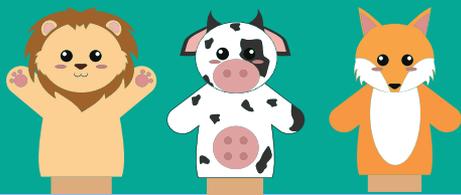
AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAYS

10:00 - 10:30 AM

FOR KIDS AGES 2 - 4 YEARS
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Registration required



AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

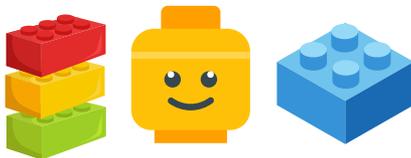
WEDNESDAY

MARCH 11

MARCH 25

3:30PM - 4:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



COFFEE CUPPING

WITH ROB FITZGIBBON

Saturday, March 7
10AM - 11:30AM

West Branch Community
Room
Ages 18+

Registration is Required



Paper Self Portraits at the West Branch Library

THURSDAY MARCH 26
6:30PM-7:30PM

FOR CHILDREN AGES 6+
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



CRAFTING CATCH UP

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH
4PM-7PM
WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY
ROOM
AGES 14+

REGISTRATION IS
RECOMMENDED



TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS

Saturday, March 21
11AM-12PM

West Branch
Community Room
For Children ages 5+

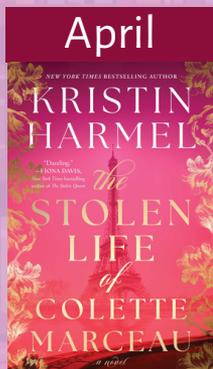
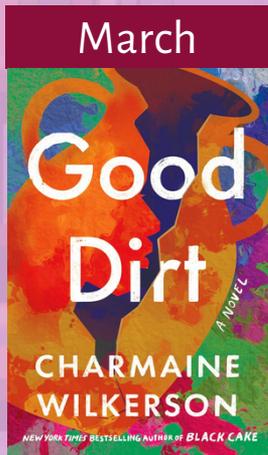
Registration is required



WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

FICTION BOOK CLUB

Come discuss our Fiction monthly reads on the first Thursday of every month! For ages 18+.



Thurs., March 5

Thurs., April 2

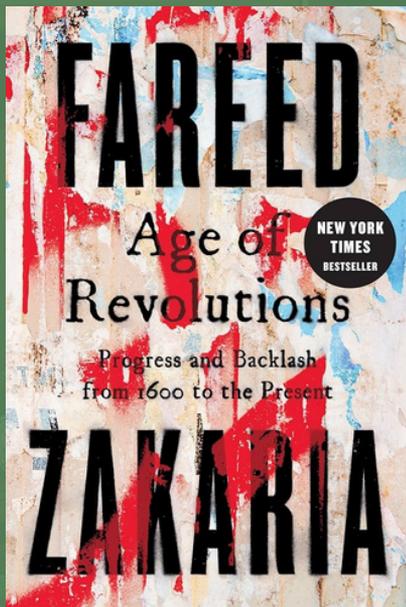
2PM in the
Community Room

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

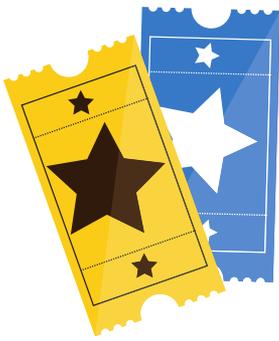
Want to learn more about world events?

Join us on the last Thursday of every month to discuss our reads! For ages 18+.

Thursday, March 26
4PM in the Alcove
reading area



Age of Revolutions: Progress and Backlash from 1600 to the Present by Fareed Zakaria



MUSEUM PASSES

The Library offers coupons for discounted or free admission to the following cultural, educational, and recreational institutions.

To reserve a pass, call the library or go to <https://www.peabodylibrary.org/museumpasses>

- Boston Children's Museum
- House of the Seven Gables
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Mass Audubon
- Massachusetts State Parks
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- North Shore Children's Museum
- Peabody Essex Museum
- Plimouth Patuxet Museums
- Trustees of the Reservations
- Wenham Museum
- Zoo New England



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES

LEARN TO USE ENGLISH FOR WORK,
SHOPPING, AND TALKING WITH FRIENDS.



For more information,
visit the Main Library
at 82 Main St., Peabody,
or email us at
peabodyELL@noblenet.org
Through May 15, 2026

Groups meet one hour per week.
Day and evening groups are available.



MARCH 2ND - MAY 18TH
MONDAY AFTERNOONS
2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM
AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship interview
and exam. Participation is free, and you can
begin anytime. Basic English is required.

Call: 978-531-0100, x119
or email: peabodyELL@noblenet.org

COMING THIS SUMMER TO THE PEABODY LIBRARY...

ADULT BEGINNER ESOL CLASS

An in-person, eight week session at the Main Library for adult English language learners, with instructor Monica Contreras. Dates TBD summer of 2026.

Email peabodyELL@noblenet.org for more information or to sign up.

Aulas de Inglês na Biblioteca de Peabody por 8 semanas consecutivas, para adultos que estão a aprender Inglês. Datas a serem definidas no Verão de 2026.

Envie um email para: peabody@noblenet.org para obter mais informações e para se inscrever.

Sesión presencial de ocho semanas en la Biblioteca Principal dirigida a adultos que están aprendiendo inglés, con la instructora Monica Contreras. Fechas por confirmar para el verano de 2026.

Para más información o para inscribirse, envíe un correo electrónico a peabodyELL@noblenet.org.

THE PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Take What You Need, Leave What You Don't

Drop off food in the Main Library's Teen Room
to help us stock our NEW Little Free Pantry!

We are seeking donations of shelf stable
goods such as:

- Canned Goods (fruit, vegetables, soup, fish, etc.)
- Jars (jams, jelly, nut butters, etc.)
- Cereal, Breakfast bars
- Spices
- Food Mixes
- Pasta
- Tomato Jars
- Chips / Snacks
- Juices
- Baking Ingredients

Please donate unexpired, unopened items in original packaging.
If you wouldn't share it with your family, please do not donate it



Sutton Room Drop In Hours



Thursdays 2-4 pm

Stop by the historic Sutton Room to browse current issues of genealogy magazines, see the Audubon prints now on display, or learn how to use the archives. No sign up required.

LOCAL HISTORY AT ANY TIME

Search historic Peabody deeds, photographs, yearbooks, and more online at peabodylibrary.org/localhistory

NEW! ONLINE NEWSPAPERS

Historic newspapers are now searchable online at peabodyma.historyarchives.online